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Your Ref: OWPC17795
Our Ref: LU/67/18/PL 07-03-2018
Please ask for:
Mrs A Gardner

5th April 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Change of use of part of public highway for external seating area at front comprising of 4 No. tables & 8 No. chairs. This application may affect the setting of a listed building.
14-18 Surrey Street Littlehampton

Thank you for your internet representation made on 5th April 2018 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

The Town Council's Planning and Transportation Committee considered this matter at their meeting on Tuesday 3rd April 2018 and strongly object to the application on the following grounds.

If permitted, it would narrow the available pavement space, adversely affecting the ability of pedestrians, especially wheel chair and mobility scooter users as well as those reliant on mobility aids, to safely and conveniently use the pavement. It was noted that the Highways Authority had yet to comment on the application. Observing that the plans presented with the application did not show the lamppost and highways sign at the front of the premises and the businesses along this stretch of Surrey Street which were also providing chairs and tables outside their premises, it was considered that the proposals would add to the congestion during busy periods and these factors should also be taken into account when assessing the application.

There were also serious concerns that given the nature of the business, the introduction of chairs and tables would encourage groups to congregate outside on the pavement, increasing noise and disturbance and potentially posing a threat to public safety.

Observing that the business already had an outside terrace at the rear of the premises, the need for additional outside space was questioned particularly as Surrey Street was also the main thoroughfare through the Town.

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go to the Development Control Committee. Most are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do

not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

Neil Crowther
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